in its units differ; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) what was the total number of officers in the Ashok Hotel, Delhi at the time of its inception in 1956 and as it stood on 31st December, 1988; and

(c) what is total amount of salary of the officers and workers in Ashok Hotel, Delhi, paid during the period between January, 1988 to December, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. For non-executive employees, there are two wage patterns in ITDC—one applicable to the employees of ITDC Hqrs including Duty Free Shops, SEL Shows and ATT (Transport), and the other applicable to employees of Hotel & Catering Establishments. These are in operation as a result of bilateral wage settlements between the Management and the Trade Unions of the respective employees.

(b) The total number of officers in Ashok Hotel New Delhi were:—

In 1956	1988 (as on 31 Dec. 88)
8	80

(c) Salary paid to officers and workers during the period Jan., 88 to Dec., 88 is given below:—

Officers	— Rs.	32.84 lakhs
Workers	— Rs.	299.68 lakhs
	TOTAL: Rs.	332.52

Release of Indian prisoners of war detained in Pakistan

1430. SHRI L. K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister, after his return from the recent visit to Pakistan, has stated that the issue of 43 Prisoners of war, who are still under detention in Pakistan, also came up for discussion there and the Prime Minister of Pakistan had told him that 41 of them were there and that she would seriously look into their release;

(b) what is the fate of the rest of the two Prisoners of War;

(c) what are the names of the Prisoners of War and their addresses, alongwith their ranks in Indian forces;

(d) the follow-up action and the *modus operandi* of the release of the 41 Prisoners of War;

(e) whether the kith and kin of these Prisoners of War have been informed about the details of their release, so as to mitigate their 18 years mental torture; if so, what are the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether an Indian medical team is proposed to visit Pakistan to look after the health of those Prisoners of War?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The question of the release of Indian defence personnel was taken up by our Prime Minister with the PM of Pakistan, Ms. Benazir Bhutto, during his recent visit to Islamabad. She responded sympathetically and offered to have fresh investigations made in this matter.

Press reports of Ms. Bhutto having acknowledged the presence of 41 Indian Prisoners of War in Pakistan are totally inaccurate. Until now the Government of Pakistan has been maintaining that there are no missing Defence Personnel in Pakistani Jails.

(d) and (e) Available documentary evidence on the Missing Defence Personnel has been supplied to the Government of Pakistan. Relatives of some of the prisoners met our officials and were given the factual position.

(f) The question of sending an Indian Medical Team at this stage does not arise.

Delay in flights IC 409 and 410

1431. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of times when IC Nos. 409 and 410 have landed on time, delayed or over-flew Ranchi in January, 1989 and when these flights over-flew Ranchi due to non-functioning of night landing facilities;

(b) what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken to ensure that these flights touch Ranchi/Patna on Schedule time, to avoid over-flying; and

(c) whether Government propose to start both these flights from Delhi and Calcutta at 6.00 A.M.; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) During Jan.'89 the flights IC-409 and 410 operated as under:—

	IC-409	IC-410
(i) landed at Ranchi on time	8	Nil
(ii) Arrived Ranchi late	21	26

IC-409/410 did not overfly Ranchi during Jan.'89 due to non-functioning of night landing facilities. IC-409 was cancelled twice due to grounding of aircraft and IC-410 overflew Ranchi on 5 occasions due to poor visibility at Ranchi.

(b) In the schedule effective 17.1.1989, Indian Airlines has provided greater cushioning on these flights so that the flights clear Ranchi and Patna during day time.

(c) During winter months, due to inclement weather conditions in the morning at Calcutta, Delhi and enroute stations, change of the departure time to 6.00 A.M. will not result in regularity of these flights.

Recommendations of Sikri Committee on Railway Accidents

1432. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the recommendations made by the Sikri Committee on Railway Accidents, 1978 which still remain to be implemented; and

(b) what have been the results, over these years, of the non-implementation of each of these recommendations, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Out of a total of 528 recommendations made by the Sikri Committee, 454 have been accepted. Of the accepted recommendations all, excepting 8, have been implemented. The details of these eight pending recommendations are given in the statement attached. (*See* below)

(b) It is not possible to quantify the results of non-implementation of these recommendations. The recommendations are pending mainly due to the time-lag involved for upgrading technology and developing new technical devices.